

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the instant application.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended herewith. Applicants submit no new matter has been provided by way of this amendment.

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request withdrawal of same.

Applicants have previously amended Claims 1 and 16 to further define the total weight percent of the monomeric and oligomeric components as combined to not exceed 100 wt %. The Examiner has indicated that there was no support in the specification for this claim language. Applicants respectfully disagree. The term “wt %” is employed to indicated the relative percentages of constituents by weight, with 100 wt % being the maximum. As the phrase “wt %” is used in the art and as it is used in the instant specification, the weight % of the components in the invention cannot inherently add up to greater than 100 wt %. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

The Examiner has further indicated that there is no support for the prior amendment to Claims 1 and 16, wherein the language regarding “not requiring a carbamate co-crosslinker” was added. Applicants have deleted this language from the instant claims. Applicants note, however, that the composition of Wu **does require a carbamate co-crosslinker**. Applicants assert that the instant invention does not utilize a co-crosslinking agent, and, in fact, a co-crosslinking agent such as that provided in Wu is never discussed in the chemistry of the instant invention.

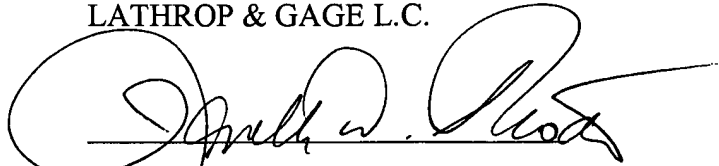
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CONCLUSIONS

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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